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Laun-Dry Supply Co. Inc. Proposes Ground Water Investigation in Albuquerque

(Santa Fe, NM) – Laun-Dry Supply Co Inc. has submitted a plan to investigate the nature and extent of chlorinated solvent ground water contamination in the immediate vicinity of its facility at 1503 12th St. NW, in Albuquerque. The business has operated a laundry and dry cleaning supply distribution company warehouse in the same location since the late 1960s.

Various organic contaminants have been detected above standards in the ground water monitoring wells on the site, including perchloroethene (PCE), trichloroethene (TCE), and dichloroethene (DCE). PCE, TCE and DCE have also been detected in soils at the site. Depth to ground water underneath the site is approximately 37 feet. The submitted Stage 1 Abatement Plan includes installing three additional monitoring wells to characterize the extent and concentration of the ground water contamination.

There are no known public or private drinking water wells impacted by this contamination.

New Mexico water quality regulations require responsible parties to remediate ground water pollution. The first step in this process is the submission of a Stage 1 Abatement Plan assessing ground water quality. In this case, the abatement plan will define the extent of the contamination emanating from the Laun-Dry Supply Co site. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the next stage, Stage 2, of the abatement plan, which will include a proposal for cleaning up all contamination that is discovered during the assessment. Public comment will be sought by the Environment Department within 90 days of the cleanup plan being received by the Environment Department. Persons wishing to review the Stage 1 Abatement Plan may do so by contacting the Project Manager at the phone number listed below.

For additional information, please contact Baird Swanson (505) 222-9520, NMED Ground Water Quality Bureau, or Jon Goldstein, NMED Communications Director (505) 827-0314.

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